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RUN-FLAT CONDITION OF A TIRE; INSERTS,
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U.S. Patent 6,039,099 is an English version of the European document 08
44111, and U.S. Patent 6,094,978, is an English version of WO 94/03338. English
translations of the Japanese patents are not readily available, however English language
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